

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNOLOGICAL OBSOLESCENCE IN TEXTILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the textile industry is facing technological obsolescence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether research is being carried out to remove the technological obsolescence in the industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the scheme formulated/proposed to be formulated to remove the technological obsolescence ; and
- (e) the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eleventh Plan period, year-wise? ₹†

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (e): The Indian textiles industry does not have the same technological edge as the textiles industry in developed countries. This is mainly in the weaving and processing segments. In April 1999, Government introduced the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), which provides interest and/or capital subsidy on the purchase of modern machinery. In its eight years of operation so far, as on 31.03.2007, the Scheme has propelled an investment of approximately Rs.86,000 crore. The Government has till now released Rs. 3225.06 crore under this Scheme. The Planning Commission has not yet communicated the total Plan allocation for the Eleventh Plan period.